

REMINISCENCES OF
REV. ELIAS DODSONThe Eccentric, But Consecrated, Man
of God and His Work.

PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED

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The following interesting reminiscences of the late Rev. Elias Dodson, one of the most unique and lovable characters in the history of the Baptist Church, was read by Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor before the Virginia Baptist Historical Society in this city, November 29th, and appeared in the Religious Herald last week.

TEXT OF THE PAPER.
The memory of the man whose name reads this article still abides. There are multitudes in Virginia and North Carolina who remember this quaint-looking, somewhat eccentric, unobtrusive, godly man. A few years ago, wearing a queer-looking wig, plainly and sometimes shabbily dressed, he moved quietly about from one community to another, pleading for

denial; this man practised it. During his journeys through the country, he was ever presenting the missionary enterprise, pleading for money to carry it forward, and securing subscriptions for our religious and missionary papers. Numberless are the stories told concerning this consecrated man, some of which are like many of the stories told of Dr. Jeter, untruths. Here is one that is true: He had spent the night with a friend. Just previous to parting, the next morning, the conversation was concerning great men. The names of a number of distinguished characters were mentioned—Cyrus, Alexander, Bonaparte, etc. Parting salutations were exchanged, and Bro. Dodson took his departure. After having been gone some time, he reappeared at the home, called his friend to the door, and said: "I forgot to mention the name of George Washington. Good-by." It is said that he once made a proposal of marriage, and when the lady rejected him, he immediately said: "Well, sister, won't you give me a dollar for the Mission Board?"

BRIEF AND TERSE.
Though the sermon to which allusion has been made was lengthy, his talks in associations and conventions and his newspaper communications were very brief and to the point. For years short, pithy articles, signed "E. Dodson," were familiar sights to the readers of the Religious Herald, the Biblical Recorder, and the Foreign Mission Journal. Here is one from the first named paper:
"Luther Rice—After Luther Rice returned from Burmah, he travelled over the land to kindle the missionary fire. He came to an association in North Carolina, held in a very intelligent country. On Friday it was announced that a man who had been in heathen lands would preach on Sunday, at 11 A. M. When the time arrived, the face of the earth

dying, but gave every assurance that all was well. Asked, when too much pressed to talk, if his trust was in Jesus, he bowed his head in assent. During his illness, when asked whether he was resigned to the will of God, if he should call him away, he replied, with almost a twinkle in the eye: "I'll say, as Valentine Mason did when asked a similar question on his dying bed, 'Willing or not willing, I've got to go.'"

LAI D TO REST.
A large assembly of people gathered at the funeral, and I was assisted in the services by several ministers of other denominations, one of them being Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, of the Presbyterian church, father of Professor Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University. The remains of the man of God sleep in Oakwood cemetery, in Bro. Oldham's lot, not far from the lot where rests the body of that Christian hero, John Lamb Frisard, who died at his post, of yellow fever. With the aid of his friends, arrangements were made for a suitable monument, and I remember that the late A. Y. Stokes, of Richmond, wrote a letter expressing his veneration for the good man and his desire to contribute to the monument fund.
Last May a year ago, when attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Wilmington, I visited the grave, and thought though he enjoyed attending our earthly conventions, he was with the assembly of the redeemed, with multitudes whom he had known and loved, and with many saved through his instrumentality. A better than all, with Jesus. At the funeral, years before, I had said: "Farewell, man of God! Thy toils and sacrifices are over. No more shall we see thee on earth. No more shall the lips, now silent in the tomb, speak to dying men of a Saviour's love, or plead for obedience to the last command of our risen Lord. But thy memory will be embalmed in our hearts.""The pilgrim reposes; the fields are green
Where day never closes, nor clouds intervene.
O the sights they see there, such as eyes hath not seen,
O the songs they sing there, with hosannas between."

"And blessed thought—we shall see him again, when all God's family, reunited and robed in immortal beauty, shall be gathered in our Father's house, and sing the songs of redeeming love." Let every reader seek to make the most of life, as did Elias Dodson.

Funeral of Mr. Harry.
The funeral of Mr. Frank A. Harry will be held from Clay-Street Methodist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the interment being at River View. Rev. E. H. Rawlings, pastor of the church, will officiate.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A Store Packed Full and Prices That are Certainly Right.

Temple, Pemberton, Cordes and Company, have commenced their holiday business, and the handsome new structure on west Broad street occupied by them is the scene of much activity. The large store rooms in which is displayed an excellent and well selected stock for the season, have been crowded with ladies and gentlemen who have been making purchases.

This dry goods firm have selected and added to their usual splendid stock, an assortment of goods adopted for the holidays.

There is an immense stock of elegant dress goods in silks and cloth, and such things suitable for the ladies, in the newest ideas and latest patterns.

But it is the great assortment of holiday goods that is so interesting just now, and in this the firm have excelled themselves.

There is an elegant display of bric-a-brac, embracing Chinese vases, jars, jardinières, fancy stamp boxes, Japanese gongs and bronzes, Utopian ware in the latest designs. This was the American prettiest display, in an intense heat, after having been decorated with hand painting. There is a full line and a large assortment. In the display of bric-a-brac there are many novelties in China ware and Bohemian glassware.

One of the best selected assortments of sterling silver novelties is also to be found in numerous styles, and articles purchased in this line will be engraved free of charge. Near this attractive display is the jewelry department, where many pretty and useful gifts are seen, together with an assortment of opera glasses.

A large collection of beautiful fans come next and would make a most acceptable gift. They are in many styles, the very latest ideas. Some of them are of satin figured and splendid hand carved and moulded sticks.

A most attractive display is that of the Tortoise shell goods. There are handkerchiefs, purses, and many other articles arranged in the best of the most becoming styles. A special department of interest to the ladies is the perfumery, where extracts of Rogers-Gallet and Le Gai and an array of the most attractive forms.

The gentlemen will be interested in a splendid display of furnishings selected for them. There are handsome ties of the latest patterns and many other pretty things.

There is an immense assortment of ladies and gentlemen's umbrellas, all new ideas of the latest designs in Dresden, pearl, silver, gun metal hand carved, and other handles. Close to the holiday stationery display is an assortment of leather goods, embracing tourists cases, playing card boxes, fancy boxes, collar and cuff boxes, and many beautiful ladies and gentlemen's purses and card cases combined. These purses are made from muslin, lizard, seal, and alligator skin in all colors, plain and trimmed in silver and gold.

Battenberg and Renaissance lace scarf covers and squares especially attract the ladies as being a beautiful selection of real lace and hemstitched handkerchiefs. There are some very handsome ones in round point and Duchesse lace. A special line of real lace collarettes is also shown. Starched, buckramed, and house coats in cloth, velvet and tweed, of new designs, blanket bath robes, plain and jacquard attract the gentlemen.

New assortment, new shades, all lengths and sizes for street and evening wear, interest the ladies.

Eiderdown quilts, and cushions in silk and satin covers, steamer and buggy robes, silk slumber robes, and new pattern and new ideas quilts are in a department that is interesting.

Holiday furs in Marten, Mink, Electric Seal, Persian lamb in collars, collarettes, capes, muffs, all new goods are displayed in another department, near a beautiful assortment of ladies' silk stockings.

One of the most extensive selections of Oriental robes comprising all styles and sizes, are offered at a special discount on the already low prices.

The store contains many useful and ornamental gifts for Christmas.

Fresh Country Butter, 10c; Clean Currants, 5c; French Candy, per pound, 5c; New Raisins, 5c; New Currants, 5c; New Citron, 10c; Lemon and Orange Peel, per pound, 10c; Large juicy Cocoanuts, 5c; New Mixed Nuts, 5c; New Dates, 5c; New Figs, per pound, 5c; 3 pounds for 12c; New Prunes, 5c; Shelled Almonds, per pound, 5c; Wine for jelly, per quart, 10c; Sweet Cider, per quart, 10c; Gelatine, 5c; Soda, 5c; Good Cooking Butter, 12c; New Seedless Raisins, 7c; Large Bottle Essence Lemon, 5c; Large Bottle Essence Vanilla, 5c; Baking Chocolate, per cake, 5c; Home-Made Mince Meat, per pound, 10c; Baking Cocoa, 5c; Currant Jelly for your jelly cake, 5c; New Virginia Buckwheat, 3c, or 2 pounds for 5c; Flat cans Salmon, 5c; Orange County Creamery Butter, 15c; London Layer Raisins, 5c; New Dates, 5c; Old Government Java Coffee, 10c.

S. ULLMAN'S SONS.
Bargains in Furniture. See Jurgens' ad in to-day's Times.

White hyacinths and Roman hyacinths are quite scarce. Many orders for them have already been given. They are put at 50 cents per dozen. About 15,000 of them will be available.

The paper white Narcissus is a great favorite with many. This will be sold at 25 cents per dozen, and about 4,000 of them will be cut for the Christmas.

Other flowers being ordered are poinsettias, azaleas, cyclamens, Chinese prim roses, ardisias, and large quantities of ferns, palms, smilax, and other

\$20,000 December
Furniture Sale.

WE want to raise our this year's sales \$20,000 over last. We had good business last year—we're not kicking about that—but we've had better business this year—we're not kicking about that, either. We have already nearly increased our business to what we want, but wouldn't object to doing more. So, starting to-morrow, we'll begin our sale by cutting down the prices that have so materially increased our patronage during the past eleven months.

Remember

this is not a sale to clear out any job lots, stickers, or old stock. Our goods are thoroughly up to date—they are bought by our buyers right from samples set up on the floors of factories and we know the quality of all our goods before we get them in.

Saddle Seat Rockers, polished (not gloss finished, splendid patterns, in mahogany and golden oak, worth easily, \$4..... \$2.98

16-inch top Solid Oak Tables...59c

Fancy Bamboo Tables.....45c

Oval Enclosed Curio or Parlor Cabinets, with brass trimmings and plush linings..... \$16.50

We have Parlor Cabinets from \$13.50 to \$15.00. Every one of them designed for this fall's trade.

Chamber Suits from \$13.50 to \$25.00.

We have just unpacked a car-load of Chamber Suits, ranging in price from \$27 to \$65 in 10 pieces. This is the third car-load this fall. They're goods that will suit the most fastidious tastes.

Sideboards, in quartered oak, full swell fronts—large mirrors..... \$22.50

The best \$6.00 Oak Extension Table in town. \$6.00

Our stock of Sideboards is the largest here ever shown. They range in price from \$11 to \$150.

China Cases and Buffets have also received a lot of attention from us.

In fact, if you want to see anything in the Furniture or Carpet line either for an Xmas present or for the adornment of your home you must come to see us. You can't afford to miss us.

Chas. G. Jurgens' Son,
421 East Broad Street.LOVELY FLOWERS
FOR CHRISTMAS.

They Will Be More Beautiful This Year Than Ever.

MANY ORDERS ARE POURING IN.

Something About the Prices for the Various Kinds of Flowers, and the Numbers That Will Be on Hand to Supply a Large Demand.

The Christmas flowers this year will be prettier than ever before, and the orders for them will be larger and more numerous than for years past. Already the florists are making every effort to have a large supply to meet the demand, and already they are looking orders not only from Richmond people, but for shipment to Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Charlottesville, Staunton, Petersburg, Norfolk and a number of points in North Carolina. The orders are being looked to be filled according to the dates they are received, so that those who want the choicest and best flowers for decorative and wearing purposes are already giving their orders.

The prices will be raised, of course, to a certain extent, but they will not be run up to exorbitant figures as in the case in some cities. The Christmas prices will continue until December 15th and will continue until a short while after the first of January.

THE ROSES.
The American Beauty rose, as usual, take the first place in popularity. They are the handsomest of all roses grown here, and for them there is a tender spot in the women's hearts.

The Beauties will range in prices this year from \$1 to \$3 per dozen according to the size of the roses and the length of the stems. Those for \$1 per dozen will have rather short stems. The \$2 roses will be handsome with long stems, while the choicest roses will be \$3 per dozen.

Many orders have already been placed for the Beauties. The florists of Richmond have made preparations for a handsome lot of these great blushing queens of the floral kingdom. It is estimated that there will be about 5,000 of them sold for the Christmas holidays.

Another popular flower for the Christmas is the bride's rose. This is an exceedingly beautiful white rose, graceful and delicate. About 3,000 of them will be sold here. The bride's rose is a handsome pink flower, will also be in demand. It is thought that 2,000 of these will be sold.

Certainly one of the most popular of all the flowers will be the delicate, fragrant, and beautiful Persian rose. These roses will be sold at 25 cents per dozen, and about 4,000 of them will be cut for the Christmas.

OTHER DAINTIES.
Carnations at 50 cents per dozen are being ordered in large quantities. Something like 8,000 of them will be sold. Lilies of the Valley, those soft, sweet little dainties so full of grace and fragrance, are in much demand. They will sell for \$1 per dozen, and no less than 2,000 of them will be put on the market. They are being used in large quantities for both wearing purposes and as centerpieces.

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10,000 XMAS PRESENTS
AT

Miller China Company's

109 EAST BROAD, BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND.

Our store is full of the latest novelties suitable for Holiday presents. Beautiful display of new designs in Cut-Glass, every variety of handsome Bric-a-Brac, from all the leading foreign factories' Reception Lamps and Globes in new shapes and decorations: Onyx Tables, Jardinières, and Pedestals of every description. We mention a few popular prices, showing what beautiful presents you can buy for a small sum. STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

25c will buy beautiful Venetian Vases, Decorated Plaques, Chocolate Pots, Bisque Figures, Plated Mugs, Decorated Teapots, Smoking Sets, Tobacco Boxes, Large Decorated Pitchers, Cracker Jars, Jardinières, Whisk Brooms in Brass Holders, 6 Beautiful Goblets; Jumbo Cups and Saucers, 6 beautiful Wines, Salad Bowls, large Stand Lamps, Chop Dishes, Brass Lamps with Shades, Comb and Brush Trays, hundreds of styles of Decorated Cups and Saucers. Agateware of every kind.

\$1.00 will buy more for you here than at any other house—Umbrella Stands, Lamp Globes, Comb and Brush Trays, Comb and Brush Sets, Sterling Souvenir Spoons, Blacking Cases, Toilet Sets, Dresden Clocks, Soup Ladles, 1 dozen beautiful Decorated China Plates, Hall Lamps, Set Lamps, Clothes Hampers, Shaving Mirrors, Plated Butter Dishes, Plated Cake Baskets, Large Pair Bisque Figures, Bisque Centrepieces, Nice Pair Carvers, Set nice Knives and Forks, Fruit Knives.

Our Holiday Goods suitable for Xmas Gifts are equal to those of any house. Our collection of Xmas novelties is larger than ever before, and in fine goods we have the handsomest display of RICH CUT-GLASS and BRIC-A-BRAC to be seen. Our assortment of Dinner, Tea and Chop Sets are of the best makes and latest decorations. Special attention is called to our large assortment of Reception Lamps, Globes, and Onyx Top Tables, Jardinières and Pedestals, Clocks and Bronzes and other artistic goods suitable for presents:

Miller China Co., 109 E! Broad Street.

CAREFULLY NURSED.

In an interview with Mr. Mann, of the firm of Mann & Brown, he told me some very interesting things about the way these flowers are nursed, cut and delivered for Christmas orders. "We shall have more orders for roses and violets than we can supply," said he, "and already we are beginning to make preparations for the Christmas trade. It is a big undertaking, and of course our purpose is to have as large a supply for our orders as possible. To do this some plants are retarded in blooming for a while before Christmas, while others are hurried along so as to bloom at the right time. The consequence is that we have to nurse the plants as carefully as if they were infants needing constant attention."

COMPANY FINED.

For Not Having Vestibules the Electric Company was Assessed.

The case against the Richmond Railway and Electric Company for violating the law of Virginia in not having all their cars properly vestibuled, was disposed of in the Police Court yesterday morning by the imposition of a fine of \$50 and costs, making \$52.15.

When the case first came up last Tuesday it was postponed until Saturday in order to have Mr. T. N. Kendler, the

50c will buy large Venetian Vases, richly Decorated; beautiful Smoking Sets, Claret Jugs, Comb and Brush Trays, Decanters, Bonbon Boxes, 12 beautiful Water Glasses, Tobacco Boxes, decorated Lamp Globes, Cracker Jars, French Salad Bowls, Cake Plate, decorated Cream Sets, Swing Night Lamps, Nickel-Covered Dishes, Large Japanese Vases, 12 Beautiful Cups and Saucers, beautiful Wine Sets, Large Bisque Ornaments, Cobalt Cuspidors, and many other useful and ornamental pieces.

\$2.00 will buy a Hungarian Vase, large Jardinières, richly decorated; a Chocolate Set, a Coffee Set, Venetian Fruit Stands, large Bohemian Vases, French China Chop Dishes, handsomely decorated; gold-plated Banquet Lamps, complete with handsome Dresden globes; Coal Vases Toilet Set, Chop Set, Oyster Set, Hall Lamp, with decorated globes; 1 dozen A. D. Coffees, Mounted Plateaux in gilt or silver; 1 dozen Chocolate cups, 1 dozen decorated Tea cups, cut-glass Olive Dishes, cut-glass Creams, cut-glass Spoon Holders.

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Mr. Kersten applied to Judge Welford for an injunction, to restrain them from making any alterations or changes without his consent. The case was elaborately argued by Mr. William L. Royall for Kersten and Mr. L. O. Wendenburg for the company.

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A Real Patriot.
"Pauline is still crazy about soldiers." "How do you know?" "At our Thanksgiving dinner she wouldn't eat any of the turkey but the drumstick."—Detroit Free Press.

Justice Crutchfield, when he had heard the case, stated that his duty was plain; the statute provided that the cars should be vestibuled by December 1st, or a fine

he imposed, of from \$10 to \$100. He therefore fined the company \$50 and costs.

An Injunction Granted.
Eighteen months ago Emil Kersten and A. Von N. Rosenegk dissolved their partnership in the brewery business, the Rosenegk Brewing Company being formed which bought out Kersten for about \$100,000. The company has paid all of this except \$23,000 and interest since July, which is secured by a deed of trust on the brewery.

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GIVEN AWAY EVERY DAY, BY

T. A. Miller,

TO ONE OF HIS CUSTOMERS.

PLAN.

To each cash purchaser of 25c. and upwards we give ticket, which has a coupon attached, and is numbered in duplicate. The customer retains the ticket and deposits the coupon in a box.

At 10 P. M. each night a disinterested person draws a coupon from the box, and the holder of the corresponding ticket will Receive \$5.00 in Gold.

Customers will be given tickets at both of my stores. This will continue every day next week, December 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

T. A. MILLER, 519 East Broad Street.

Branch Under Jefferson Hotel.

OUTRATES AT BOTH STORES